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VISIT OF HUD OFFICIAL TO SOVIET UNION

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1. U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY L. WAYNE GERTMENIAN PROPOSES TO VISIT MOSCOW ARRIVING SUNDAY, APRIL 6 TO MEET WITH HIS COUNTER-PART, G.D. TROITSKII, CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, GOSSTROI, AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON. (SEE SEPTEL RE LETTER FROM SECRETARY CARLA HILLS TO IGNATII NOVIKOV OF GOSSTROI, SUGGESTING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING JUNE 16. SECRETARY HILLS UNABLE TO HOLD MEETING IN MAY OR EARLY JUNE BECAUSE OF OTHER PRESSING COMMITMENTS).

2. ACCOMPANYING MR. GERTMENIAN WILL BE CHARLES N. RASSIAS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DIVISION, HUD OFFICE  
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OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND JOHN T. DRESSEL, CHIEF OF COMPONENTS

SECTION, ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION, HUD OFFICE OF  
UNDERWRITING STANDARDS. (MR. GERTMENIAN'S FATHER, SABOOGH  
GERTMENIAN, WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY AT OWN EXPENSE.)

3. PROPOSED VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG LINES OF GERTMENIAN'S  
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED JANUARY VISIT (REF A): 3-4 DAYS OF DIS-  
CUSSION IN MOSCOW AND 2 DAYS TO MAKE STUDY TOUR OF GOLDEN RING  
TOWNS AROUND MOSCOW (SUZDAL AND VLADIMIR); VISIT HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION AND NEW TOWN SITES IN CAUCASUS AREA, PARTICULARLY IN  
TBILISI (2-3 DAYS), AND YEREVAN (1 DAY); ALSO VISIT TO SITE OF  
RECENT EARTHQUAKE NEAR MAKHACHKALA (REPORTED BY PRAVDA JANUARY  
12). (ANATOLII ROMAS, WHO DISCUSSED GERTMENIAN'S VISIT DURING  
ROMAS' MISSION HERE WITH URBAN ENVIRONMENT TRANSPORTATION GROUP  
LAST FEBRUARY, OFFERED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. PLEASE INFORM  
ROMAS OF GERTMENIAN'S PROPOSED ITINERARY.)

4. NAMES AND TITLES OF U.S. MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE  
AND U.S. LIST OF SUGGESTED PROJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED BY GERTMENIAN  
IN MOSCOW WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTEL.

5. PLEASE OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF TIMING OF GERTMENIAN'S VISIT  
FROM TROITSKII AND ALSO INFORM ROMAS.

6. GERTMENIAN ASSUMES GOSSTROI WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION  
BETWEEN MEETING SITE AND HOTEL OR EMBASSY AS NECESSARY. PLEASE  
CONFIRM. ALSO PLEASE ASSURE THAT MEETINGS BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN  
10:00 A.M.

7. REQUEST RESERVATIONS OF LARGE DOUBLE ROOM FOR GERTMENIAN AND  
SINGLES FOR RASSIAS AND DRESSEL. ROOMS SHOULD BE ADJOINING;  
HOTEL ROSSIYA PREFERRED.

8. IF FLIGHTS NOT AVAILABLE FROM TBILISI TO TEHRAN, RASSIAS  
PROBABLY WILL NOT ACCOMPANY GERTMENIAN AND DRESSEL TO CAUCASUS  
REGION BUT PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM MOSCOW TO TEHRAN FOR INTER-  
NATIONAL UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (IULA) CONFERENCE ON UR-  
BANIZATION, APRIL 15-19. SEPTEL WILL CONFIRM HIS ITINERARY.

9. PRECISE FLIGHT TIMES WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS CONFIRMATION OF  
VISIT RECEIVED FROM SOVIETS. (GERTMENIAN PLANS TO DEPART  
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